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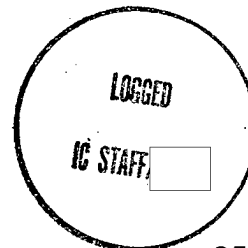
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Intelligence Community Staff
Chairman, Intelligence Producers Council

FROM: [Redacted]
Chief, Intelligence Producers Council Staff

SUBJECT: IPC Staff Monthly Report--May 1988

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Summary

1. During the month, the IPC Staff focused on the following projects and activities:

- Intelligence Community Support to SDI.
- National Intelligence Topics of Current Interest (NITs).
- Intelligence Consumers Survey.
- Compendium of Interagency Coordinating Mechanisms.
- External Research Contracts.
- Future Intelligence Requirements (COFIR) Data Base.
- COFIR Users Group.

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Intelligence Community Support to SDI

2. At the invitation of DIA, we briefed the findings of our SDI paper to the Strategic Defense Intelligence Advisory Committee at the Pentagon. We also sent copies to the DCI and DDCI and circulated the paper to other interested officials and organizations throughout the Community. [Redacted]

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National Intelligence Topics of Current Interest (NITs)

3. The DCI signed the call for inputs to the FY 1989 NITs. As in past years, this call was accompanied by a think piece produced by the National Intelligence Council to help policymakers focus on the major intelligence issues lying ahead over the next year or so. Responses to this call are due on 7 June and a draft should be ready to go to the Senior Interagency Group, Committee on Intelligence Requirements and Priorities (SIG(I)) for their review and approval by the end of the July. []

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NIT Gaps Report

4. The IPC Staff prepared a package to be sent to the SIG(I), reporting on the annual IPC Staff survey of analysts to identify gaps in data relative to the NITs and in the responses of the collection committees to those gaps. One of the findings of this year's survey is that the actual number of cited gaps fell by 10 percent although the number of NIT subtopics had increased by 20 percent. The Staff plans to ascertain the causes for this drop in gaps, and to work with analyst organizations, and with production and collection committees to further redress the gaps. []

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Intelligence Consumers Survey

5. The working group has produced a revised questionnaire, and the IPC Staff is preparing a package containing the list of people to be surveyed and a questionnaire to be forwarded to the DCI and DDCI for final approval before mailing out the survey forms. The number of people to be surveyed stands at 330--more than twice the size of the survey population of the Carter Administration in 1981. This represents a remarkable growth in the number of intelligence consumers over the past few years. []

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Compendium of Interagency Coordinating Mechanisms

6. On 28 April, the Staff sent a request to Intelligence Community production and collection elements to seek their assistance in updating this publication. The staff received the Community responses at the end of May. The changes are quite extensive requiring our projected publication date to be advanced to late July. Because of the popularity and utility of this document, the staff is implementing procedures for an annual update of the compendium. The annual cycle will start with a March data call for Community updates and end with dissemination of the final product in early August. []

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External Research Contracts

7. The staff is currently reissuing the procedures for the External Research Contracts program to provide the Community with a more timely and useful document for cross referencing Community research contracts. This program provides a systematic exchange of data on contract proposals and studies in progress, helps to eliminate unwarranted duplication, and ensures that contract results are available to the members of the Intelligence Community. []

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8. The procedures require member inputs, on a quarterly basis, using an expanded format of submission. In addition, new data fields include funding information, National Intelligence Topic/intelligence issues correlations, country codes, and identification of contracts funded by the Production Enhancement Initiative program. We anticipate these revisions will allow greater flexibility and provide for expanded analysis and utility of the Community research contracts. []

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9. We are currently producing a final report for the first and second quarters of FY 1988. This report, scheduled for publication on 15 June, will include all Community updates received by the staff to date. []

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Compendium of Future Intelligence Requirements (COFIR) Data Base

10. During the month, we responded to four requests for updated versions of the COFIR data base. In addition, the Staff is working with the Naval Intelligence Systems Center (NOSC) in San Diego in order to obtain a copy of their user-friendly, menu-driven interface software for COFIR on the IBM PC. This software is currently under contractor development and is scheduled for an end of June delivery. It will provide enhanced capabilities for updating COFIR data and selectively retrieving information for reporting in various formats. Members of the IPC Staff are planning to visit NOSC for a briefing and demonstration of the software to determine its applicability for the IPC Staff and other elements of the Community. If NOSC's software package proves to be adaptable for use by the IPC Staff and Community, a considerable savings in software development will be realized. []

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COFIR Users Group Meeting

11. Plans are under way to hold the first annual meeting of the COFIR users group on 26 July. The purpose of this group is to share experiences in working with the document and to generate new ideas for expanding and improving its usefulness. Moreover, we are exploring the possibility of preparing a summary document for executive readers. []

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